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SUBJECT: MINISTER JACK ON THE UPPER MAZARUNI DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

1. IN A SPEECH DELIVERED BEFORE THE FOURTH ENGINEERING EXHIBITION OF THE GUYANA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, HUBERT JACK, MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, RE-AFFIRMED GUYANA'S COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHEAP HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER.

2. MINISTER JACK ARGUED THAT GUYANA COULD NOT AFFORD NOT TO DEVELOP HYDRO-POWER. ACCORDING TO JACK, WITHOUT HYDRO-POWER "WE WOULD INCREASE OUR PRODUCTION OF SUGAR, RICE AND BAUXITE AND PUT IT INTO OIL." THE MINISTER PROJECTED 1977 FUEL IMPORT COSTS WILL REACH U.S.\$73 MILLION. BY 1985, JACK PREDICTED THAT WITHOUT HYDRO-POWER GUYANA'S FUEL IMPORT COSTS WOULD REACH U.S.\$221 MILLION AS COMPARED TO U.S.\$60 MILLION WITH A HYDRO-POWER STATION.

3. MINISTER JACK DESCRIBED THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT NOT ONLY AS A MEANS OF CHEAP FUEL, BUT ALSO AS A MEANS OF OPENING UP THE VAST UNDEVELOPED INTERIOR. "THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UPPER MAZARUNI HYDRO PROJECT WOULD

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FREE US ONCE AND FOR ALL OF OUR ENERGY PROBLEM AND OPEN UP A VAST AND POTENTIALLY RICH AREA OF HINTELAND, RICH IN MINERALS, TIMBER, FORESTS AND LAND..."

4. COMMENT: MINISTER JACK'S SPEECH EXEMPLIFIES THE BASIC CONCEPTS UNDERLYING THE GOG'S COMMITMENT TO THE HYDRO-POWER STATION. IN THE MINDS OF SOME GOG OFFICIALS,

THE UPPER MAZARUNI DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IS THE WATERSHED
IN GUYANA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
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